

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**PRESENT:** Chair Bernie Erickson, Jim Haskins, Delores Pierce, Duane Pierce, Joe Witkowski, Jerry Polus, John Walschinski, Sherry Steenbock, Don Bettine, John Maino  
**EXCUSED:** Troy Ness

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\*\*Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1201

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 5:15 p.m.

**2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.**

**3. Approve/Modify Agenda:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUANE PIERCE, SECONDED BY JIM HASKINS TO APPROVE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Approve/Modify Minutes of September 20, 2011:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN MAINO, SECONDED BY JOHN WALSCHINSKI TO APPROVE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Discussion regarding Veterans Day, November 11, 2011.**

Jerry Polus stated the Veterans Ceremony will be held at the Brown County Arena from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011 and he encouraged everyone to attend. The ceremony will include firing volleys and playing of taps.

John Maino stated that he will be broadcasting live from the Duck Creek VFW on November 11 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. This is an open forum for Vets to come and talk regarding any issues they may have.

Duane Pierce also stated that American Legion Post 11, 1708 N. Irwin Avenue, will hold an open house at their new facility from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Veterans Day. A dedication ceremony will be held at the flagpoles at 6:00 p.m.

Pierce also stated that Pearly Gates will be offering free lunch for Veterans from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Veterans Day.

Donald Bettine reported that there will also be a ceremony on November 12, at the Green Bay Yacht Club from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for all active military veterans, family members and the general public. This event will include a 21 gun salute and an array of food.

**6. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus – Veterans Court.**

Jerry Polus reported that groundbreaking for the new Veterans Clinic on University Avenue will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will last approximately 45 minutes.

Polus also provided an update on Veterans Court and stated that the committee had met earlier in the day and is hoping to have a press release on Veterans Day to announce the start-up of the Court. Most of the major guidelines are in place, but there is still some fine-tuning to be done.

Polus explained that persons selected for Veterans Court will move through various phases with the emphasis on treatment and obtaining appropriate benefits to help them get back on their feet.

7. **Reports from Committee Members Present (Haskins, Pierce, Steenbock, Walschinski, Witkowski, Bettine, Maino):**

**Donald Bettine** stated that there will be a job fair on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. He also mentioned that Sports Clips is supporting overseas troops with their Help A Hero program. Sports Clips will donate \$1.00 from all haircuts on Veterans Day to the VFW Operation Uplink.

**Jim Haskins** shared a story he had read recently in the Green Bay Press Gazette about two little girls from De Pere who had collected more than 250,000 pop tops to donate to the Miller High Life Give a Veteran a Piece of the High Life program. Miller will weigh the pop tops to determine the amount of the donation which is estimated to be near \$25,000.

Haskins also stated that he had two new businesses, A Stitch In Time and Martinizing Dry Cleaners, to give discounts to veterans on Veterans Day.

**John Maino** reported that he is trying to get to Afghanistan for Thanksgiving and gather with about 50 troops from Wisconsin at Camp Nathan Smith to watch the Packer game. He would like to do a supply drive and will determine the specific needs of the units in the area he intends to visit.

**Duane Pierce** stated that Mike Edwards, President of Rolling Thunder Chapter 3, passed away on October 12 at the age of 62. Visitation will be on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. until noon with a service to follow at Proko-Wall Funeral Home.

**Sherry Steenbock** reported that four new certificates had been mailed out. She also stated that she had spoken with all five area newspapers with regard to publication of the list of benefits for vets for Veterans Day and the deadline for the Press Gazette and Ashwaubenon Howard Press is October 31. The Denmark News, De Pere Journal and Green Bay Sun do not need the lists until November 2. She also had "thank you" certificates available for new businesses making an offer for Veterans Day.

**Joe Witkowski** did not have anything to report this month.

**John Walschinski** passed out new "11 in 11" forms he had created.

8. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

9. **Adjourn.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS, SECONDED BY DUANE PIERCE TO ADJOURN AT 5:48 P.M. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio  
Recording Secretary